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THE GENUINE'S LIFE EVIDENCES OUR LORD JESUS

Christlike Holiness Is An Imperative Character Quality

A Holy Spirit-guided/empowered way of life is promised in the New Covenant.



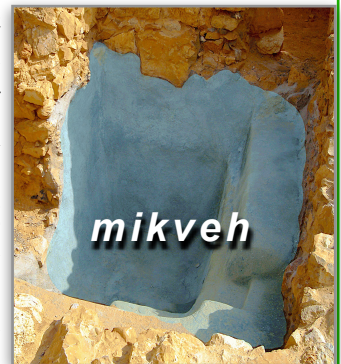
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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

One of the prominent characteristics of the *genuinely* born again is their heartfelt gratefulness for the once-for-all-time sacrifice of our Lord Jesus for their sins. If you're *genuine*, you're fully aware of how deeply your sins violated God and of your own utter inability to pay the required penalty for your sins. But then Father chose you to be Christ's own for His purposes! Being *genuine* means you wholeheartedly yearn to become more like Jesus, pursuing holy living as God's Word describes: "*He [God our Father] chose us in Him [Jesus] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love*" (Ephesians 1:4). To be *genuine* is to be holy in the midst of this very unholy world.

The Genuine's Immersion Proclaims Their Fervent Desire For Holiness

To proclaim their heartfelt commitment to holiness, our Hebraic ancestors completely immersed themselves in a *mikveh*, a hewn stone "tub". (This was the precursor to immersion baptism as recounted in the Newer Testament.) The person who had already set his heart to turn away from the defilement of sin and to live an upright holy life would step down into the *mikveh* and immerse himself. By completely immersing himself, he was signifying that he would no longer follow his old life pattern of sin; instead he would pursue a life of holiness.



Immersion is like plunging a cloth into dye. The cloth takes on the quality of the dye. And the *genuine* who are immersed are unified with Christ into a new life of holiness. You are pledging to turn away from sin, and by His Spirit's ongoing transforming work become more like Him. Through immersion baptism, the *genuinely* born again "*pledge a clear conscience toward God*" (1Peter 3:21). You are purposing by grace to live a holy life as an ambassador of our Lord Jesus in the world. And you applying our Lord's commands in loving and obedient trust is indispensable in a holy way of living.

FYI: Beginning around 200 years before the birth of our Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit inspired the Hebraic Stream of Judaism, those who related to God as Abraham did, that they must be born from above, i.e., **be born again**. To be "born from above" from their Hebraic perspective was an intentional separation from relying on religious practices and traditions to be right with God. In its place was daily choosing the same kind of heartfelt obedient trust in their heavenly Father as their ancestor Abraham had. For us today it's no small matter that Abraham is called the father of all who put their trust in our Lord Jesus (Romans 4:16; Galatians 3:6-9).

Since the whole concept of being "born from above" had been around for at least two centuries, Jesus was surprised when Nicodemus professed ignorance of the new birth: "*Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?*" (John 3:10). If you are *genuine*, make sure that you aren't ignorant about what conversion means! Through conversion, the *genuine* enter into the New Covenant, a life of ongoing union with our Father and our Lord Jesus. It's an **interactive relationship** that's made possible through the indwelling Holy Spirit. He enables the *genuine* to daily live as holy ambassadors of our Lord Jesus in fulfilling our Father's purposes.

Holiness Is An Indispensable Feature Of The *Genuine's* Conversion

Humanism erroneously asserts that everyone is born “good”, a deceit which pervades much of nominal Christianity. In sharp contrast, the Bible declares that we are all born with a *predisposition to sin* which we inherited from our first parents. *“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* (Genesis 6:5). You have a strong defense against the lies of Humanism *if* you’ve been taught the indispensable foundation of the Older Testament as our first Hebrew forefathers who trusted our Lord Jesus were. By the Hebrew Scriptures you can clearly comprehend God’s demand for transformation into holiness in the lives of those He calls His own. God’s Word emphasizes that your conversion is far more comprehensive than just “getting saved” as so many false gospels are preached in nominal Christianity.

It’s through the Hebrew text that you initially discover that your conversion calls for you embracing a life of ongoing transformation into holiness as God’s grace enables you. You learn there that the exodus of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land wasn’t just a geographical change. It was a time of personal and national transformation as God imparted righteous commands to set Israel apart and transform them into being His holy people: *“For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy”* (Leviticus 11:45).

✚ For the *genuinely* born again, transformation into holiness is no less demanded of us than it was for the Israelites: *“As obedient children, do not conform yourselves to the former evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance, but as He Who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’”* (1Peter 1:14-16; see also 2Corinthians 7:1; 1Thessalonians 4:7; Ephesians 4:22-24; Hebrews 12:10,14). Examine yourself and put off like a filthy garment everything that contaminates your body as well as your spirit.

“You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Exodus 19:6).

“You are a chosen generation a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the virtues of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1Peter 2:9).

The Book of Acts begins with a small band of repentant brothers and sisters in Christ humbly awaiting the Holy Spirit as Joel had prophesied centuries earlier and Jesus had promised would come: *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). For today’s *genuinely* born again, the Book of Acts is our Lord’s testimony to those who authentically have His Holy Spirit dwelling within them. He has set us apart for **holiness**, calling the *genuine* out from the world’s ways, values, and goals. That’s so we can serve as His beloved ambassadors, testifying about Him in word, deed, and attitude in ways that are distinctly different from those of an unbelieving world. Now joyfully internalize with awe this biblical reality: Together with others who are *genuine*, you are being built up to be *“a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”* (1Peter 2:5) How’s that for a glorious reason to be set apart as holy for our Father’s use!

Both for the Israelites and for the *genuine* in Christ Jesus, the biblical call to “be holy” is a far deeper issue than you just trying to be a “good Christian”. Picture holiness from God’s perspective, since He is the ultimate definition of holiness. The word *holy* means to be **set apart and distinctly different**, especially from the goals and attitudes and behaviors of the world’s

ways of living. In Exodus 19:6, God set apart the nation of Israel to be a “*holy nation*” — in other words, to belong to Him in a unique way that demonstrated they were different from all other nations of the world. From our Father’s view, Jesus is the *genuine’s* Role Model for living holy. By His Spirit abiding within you, His work in and through you as being set apart for His use gets the attention of a watching, unbelieving world around you.

And consider this biblical truth: being indwelt by the Holy Spirit makes you a “saint.” ***A saint is anyone in Christ who is set apart as holy for God’s use.*** Being a saint is who you are in God’s sight: set apart in Christ to love and to fulfill Father’s will for your life. In Christ you are free indeed to live holy as His saint — freed from being enslaved by sin and unholiness.

✗ Unholiness begins in your thought life with, for instance, you wanting to “do it your way” rather than submitting to God’s way. Choosing unholy thoughts of self-will progresses to an emotion which rouses you to take an action which you know that our Lord Jesus wouldn’t do (see James 1:14,15). Resist those sins by taking captive any unholy thought when it first arises, and draw into Christ’s holy way of thinking so His character can grow in that particular area of your life.

Keep this awareness in mind. If holiness came easy, we wouldn’t be exhorted to make every effort in this ongoing part of our life journey in Christ! (See 2Peter 1:5-10.) Remember, our Father examines your heart, not just your actions. He isn’t glorified ***if*** you present a squeaky clean image to people around you, while inside you are consumed by selfishness or bitterness or lust or impatience. That’s called hypocrisy, which our Lord Jesus identified as detestable from God’s point of view. How can we expect to have fellowship with our pure and holy Lord if we’re entertaining hidden sin in our heart and mind?

Our loving and holy Father is calling you to live in union with Him and His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is a life of personally experiencing ever-greater spiritual intimacy and ever-deepening joy and peace with a grateful heart as you pursue holiness. We encourage you to pray that He will send you others in union with Him and our Lord who will eagerly come alongside you to pursue holiness together. Only as you press on with His purpose as His beloved children will you stand out as His light in an anguishing, sin-obsessed culture that desperately needs to see the difference that authentic love and holiness make.

To recap what we’ve shared: True holiness — *set-apartness for God’s use* — calls for people who love Him and live repentantly as Christ’s ambassadors IN the world, not secluding ourselves from people who have yet to trust Him. Our Hebraic ancestors in the faith viewed all of life, both spiritual and physical, as God’s dominion. He wasn’t relegated to the spiritual domain alone since they recognized that He made His presence known and felt in all aspects. Therefore all of life’s pursuits that were done according to God’s will and ways were “sacred.” In this light you can understand that holiness is not confined to a particular occupation. ***Holiness is doing our Father’s will in any capacity as expressed in His commands and by the *rhema* of the Holy Spirit.*** Tragically, this biblical truth has been abolished by Nicolaitan-dominated Christianity over the centuries since clergy have been exalted as a “holier” occupation than any other line of work. It’s paramount if you’re *genuine* that you never let yourself be imprisoned by this deceit which consigns you to the spiritual sidelines of passivity and self-perceived inadequacy. Let us explain...

Cosmic Dualism Will Imprison You... *IF* You Let It

You may have been unwittingly been influenced in your spiritual beliefs by the most pervasive demonic incursion into Christianity: **Plato’s Cosmic Dualism**. This pagan Hellenist

belief system obliterated the Hebraic understanding of holiness. How did this happen? And why should it matter to you in your own Christian walk? The predominant lie of Cosmic Dualism as developed by the Greek philosopher Plato is that life is divided into the “good” spiritual higher realm, and the “evil” physical lower world — and that the two realms should stay separated.

- The “good” is the mystical spiritual arena, a higher echelon or state of existence that's "holy".
- The “evil” lower realm of the physical world is concerned with crude and common earthly matters such as food, shelter and occupation.

A little historical background if you're unfamiliar with Church history. Plato's dualism entered Christianity through the writings of influential Church Fathers such as Origen, Justin, and Clement. A number of these men had been Hellenist philosophers who converted to Christianity and attempted through their teachings to reconcile Platonic thought with Christianity. A particular case in point is their emphasis on *pietism*, or withdrawing from worldly concerns in order to focus on spiritual matters. The practice of a secluded life to avoid being “stained” by the vulgarities of the world was passed along for centuries within Christianity as exemplifying holiness. But personal withdrawal away from the very real concerns of the world and the people in it for whom Christ died contradicted community participation that exemplified the Hebraic outworking of faith. How can you share the need for sinners to find reconciliation with our Father through Christ if you're not showing His love and compassion among them as His witness?

Another prominent way in which dualism wiped out the biblically Hebraic reality of all labor being valued in God's sight was through differentiating worldly workers (the so-called laity) from the spiritual “higher calling” of the clergy system which was funded by those “common” lay laborers. By the end of the fourth century, the biblically Hebraic perspective of all work as holy if done unto God had been nullified. And the gulf separating the congregational laity and the paid clergy “holy man” had become absolute.

It's imperative that you recognize that first-century Hebrew followers of Jesus understood no separation between “holy” work and “common” work. In fact, the Hebrew word for work and worship is the same! But because the dualist mentality pervades Christianity today, the Hebraic perspective has been lost. Our Hebraic forefathers who first followed our Lord realized from the Hebrew Scriptures (the only Bible at the time) that no particular occupation was “holier” than another. Holiness—being set apart by grace for God's use—was and still is available equally to all through repentance, trust in Christ, rebirth, and the ongoing work of the indwelling Spirit. Our Hebraic ancestors in the faith viewed all of life, both spiritual and physical, as God's dominion. And He still makes His holy presence known and felt in all dimensions!

So keep in mind the Hebraic perspective that holiness isn't the job description of an exalted spiritual occupation. Rather, holiness is *you* as one of Jesus' beloved doing the will of our Father which He has set you apart to do in the world. Embed this understanding of holiness in your heart! If you don't, you'll stay imprisoned like so many of the nominal in Christianity. They passively occupy pews each week but have neither heartfelt love for God nor obedient trust in Jesus as Lord of their lives to fulfill Father's will. Because of the extensive dualist influence, too many nominal Christians are intimidated by the select few in the “higher calling” of ministry. The intimidated are deceived into believing they could never measure up to that “holy standard”. And the “exalted clergy class” has done much to keep it this way. Any time you hear someone who considers themselves a Christian say, **“Oh, I could never be like that person,”** or, **“God could never use me like He does you,”** know that Cosmic Dualism has imprisoned them.

(For a more complete understanding of the evil of Cosmic Dualism, read: [Chapter 19. Platonism Displaced The Hebraic In Christianity](#) in our free online book, Restoring The Early Church.)